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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 7 June 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Twenty-fifth special session

9 a.m. 3rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [8]; Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [9]; Declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium [10]: debate:

His Excellency Mr. Omar Ali Juma, Vice-President of the United Republic of Tanzania

His Excellency The Honourable George Saitoti, MP, Vice-President of the Republic of Kenya

Her Excellency Ms. Makbule Ceco, Deputy Prime Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Albania

His Excellency Mr. Mel Martínez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of the United States of America

His Excellency Mr. Mangala Samaraweera, Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Public Utilities of Sri Lanka

His Excellency Mr. José Badia, Government Councilor for Public Works and Social Affairs of Monaco

(continued overleaf)

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session appear in Part II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/108 (Part II)).

His Excellency The Honourable Dr. Chombo, Minister of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing of Zimbabwe

His Excellency Mr. Jejouma Sanon, Minister Delegate for Habitat in the Ministry of Infrastructure, Habitat and Town Planning of Burkina Faso

His Excellency Mr. Faruk Bal, Minister of State of Turkey

His Excellency Mr. Roland Kpotsra, Chairman of the Delegation of Togo

His Excellency Mr. Mamadou Nai Ceesay, Secretary of State for Local Government and Lands of the Gambia

His Excellency Mr. Mohammed Al-Khussaiby, Secretary-General, Ministry of National Economy of Oman

His Excellency Mr. Robert Molloy, T.D., Minister of Housing and Urban Renewal, Department of the Environment and Local Government of Ireland

His Excellency Mr. Herivelona Ramanantsoa, Minister of National and Regional Development, Environment and Town Planning of Madagascar

His Excellency The Honourable Bates Namuyamba, MP, Minister of Local Government and Housing of Zambia

His Excellency The Honourable Francis Babu, Minister of State for Works, Housing and Communications of Uganda

His Excellency Shaikh Khalid Abdulla Al-Khalifa, Minister of Housing and Agriculture of Bahrain

His Excellency Mr. Ali Abdol Alizadeh, Minister of Housing and Urban Development of the Islamic Republic of Iran

His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Tan Van, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Construction of Viet Nam

Her Excellency Ms. Ileana Tureanu, Vice-Minister of Public Works, Transportation and Housing of Romania

His Excellency Mr. Sergei Kruglik, Vice-Minister of the State Committee for Housing and Construction of the Russian Federation

His Excellency Mr. Toma Kancler, State Secretary of Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia

His Excellency Mr. U Tint Swe, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Construction of Myanmar

Mr. Erwin Ortiz Gandalillas, Chairman of the Delegation of Bolivia

His Excellency Mr. Mohammed Al-Douri, Chairman of the Delegation of Iraq

His Excellency Mr. Om Pradhan, Chairman of the Delegation of Bhutan

His Excellency Mr. Rodrigo Biazon, Chairman of the Delegation of the Philippines

His Excellency Mr. Sélim Tadmoury, Chairman of the Delegation of Lebanon

His Excellency Mr. Dirk Jan Van Den Berg, Chairman of the Delegation of the Netherlands

His Excellency Mr. Mikhail Wehbe, Chairman of the Delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic

Ms. Irene Wiese Von-Ofen, President of Habitat Professional Forum

Mr. Ernesto Gil Elorduy, President of Global Parlementarians for Habitat

3 p.m. 4th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [8]; Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [9]; Declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium [10]: debate:

His Excellency Mr. Joseph Oliva Franklin, Director General of the National Office of Old-Aged Insurance of Haiti

His Excellency The Honourable Dr. Nicky Iambo, MP, Minister of Regional and Local Government and Housing of Namibia

His Excellency Mr. Natan Sharansky, Minister of Construction and Housing of Israel

His Excellency Mr. Seydou Sy Sall, Minister of Town Planning and National and Regional Development of Senegal

His Excellency The Honourable Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services of Canada

His Excellency Mr. Claude Bartolone, Minister for the Cities of France

His Excellency Mr. Mohamed El Yanghi, Minister of National and Regional Development, Town Planning, Habitat and Environment of Morocco

His Excellency The Honourable Jacob Nkate, Minister of Lands, Housing and the Environment of Botswana

His Excellency Mr. Slaheddine Belaid, Minister of Equipment and Housing of Tunisia

His Excellency Mr. László Miklós, Minister of the Environment of Slovakia

His Excellency Mr. Im Chhun Lim, Minister of Territorial Organization, Urbanization and Construction of Cambodia

His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Bin Ibrahim Al-Jarallah, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs of Saudi Arabia

His Excellency Mr. Abreha Asfeha, Minister of Public Works of Eritrea

His Excellency Mr. Guntis Pukitis, State Secretary of the Environment and Regional Development Ministry of Latvia

His Excellency Dr. Erich Stather, Vice-Minister, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany

His Excellency Mr. Karel Havlíček, Vice-Minister for Local Development of the Czech Republic

His Excellency Mr. Oleksandr Shlapak, Vice-Minister for Economy of Ukraine

His Excellency Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan, Chairman of the Delegation of Mongolia

His Excellency Mr. Sergio Vento, Chairman of the Delegation of Italy

His Excellency Mr. Eldar Kouliev, Chairman of the Delegation of Azerbaijan

Her Excellency Mrs. Aksoltan Ataeva, Chairman of the Delegation of Turkmenistan

His Excellency Mr. Stefan Tafrov, Chairman of the Delegation of Bulgaria

His Excellency Mr. Anund Priyay Neewoor, Chairman of the Delegation of Mauritius

His Excellency Mr. Abdallah Saleh Al-Ashtal, Chairman of the Delegation of Yemen

His Excellency Mr. Fotios-Jean Xydas, Chairman of the Delegation of Greece

His Excellency Mr. Ion Botnaru, Chairman of the Delegation of the Republic of Moldova

His Excellency Mr. Walter Balzan, Chairman of the Delegation of Malta

Mr. Noël-Emmanuel Ahipeaud Guebo, Chairman of the Delegation of Côte d'Ivoire

His Excellency Mr. Hussain Shihab, Chairman of the Delegation of Maldives

Her Excellency Ms. Elmira Ibraimova, Chairperson of the Delegation of Kyrgyzstan

Dr. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund

Ms. Narelle Townsend, Chairperson of the NGO Committee on Human Settlements

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AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [8]

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [9]

Declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium [10]

General discussion

THEMATIC COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

Environmental management:

Environmental planning and management in Dar-Es-Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania

Developing a sustainable compact city in Stockholm, Sweden

Comprehensive urban environmental renovation in Chengdu, China

Environmental management and city development strategy for Katowice Agglomeration, Poland

3 p.m.- 7 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

Urban governance:

Integrated programme for social inclusion in Santo Andre, Brazil

City development strategy in response to globalization in Lyon, France

Sustainable urban development and good governance in Nigeria

Sustainable economic transformation and decentralization in Barcelona, Spain

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Informals on the draft declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium

The informals on the draft declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium (A/S-25/2, Section VII.C, para. 63) will continue *today,* 7 June 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 8 June 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Twenty-fifth special session

9 a.m. 5th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly: report of the Credentials Committee *[3]

2. Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [8]; Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [9]; Declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium [10]: debate:

   His Excellency The Honourable Seymour Mullings, MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Land and Environment of Jamaica

   His Excellency Mr. Miguel Cárdenas, Minister of Housing of Panama

   His Excellency Mr. Jaime Ravinet, Minister of Housing, Urban Development and National Heritage of Chile

   His Excellency Mr. Alfred Bobson Sesay, Minister of Lands, Housing, Country Planning and the Environment of Sierra Leone

   Her Excellency Ms. Myrna Pitt, Chief Executive Officer, Central Housing and Planning Authority of Guyana

   Congo

   Nigeria

   His Excellency Mr. Dragoslav Sumarac, Minister of Housing of Yugoslavia

   His Excellency The Honourable Kwamena Bartels, M.P., Minister of Works and Housing of Ghana

   His Excellency The Honourable Mopshatla Mabitle, Minister of Local Government of Lesotho

   Her Excellency The Honourable Amelia Ward, Minister of Planning and Economic Affairs of Liberia

   His Excellency Mr. Bouathong Vonglokham, Minister for Communication, Transport, Post and Construction of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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* To be issued.

His Excellency Mr. Nelson Murgueytio Peñaherrera, Minister of Urban and Housing Development of Ecuador

Hungary

Georgia

His Excellency Mr. Marjan Dodovski, Vice-Minister of Environment and Physical Planning of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

His Excellency Mr. Henrique Cossa, Vice-Minister of Public Works and Housing of Mozambique

His Excellency Mr. Ato Birhanu Tamrat, Vice-Minister, Work and Urban Development Ministry of Ethiopia

Sudan

Paraguay

His Excellency Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Chairman of the Delegation of Qatar

His Excellency Mr. Kishore Mahbubani, Chairman of the Delegation of Singapore

Mr. Norberto Pazos, Representative of Argentina

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

His Excellency Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, Chairman of the Delegation of Nepal

His Excellency Mr. Alfred Carlot, Chairman of the Delegation of Vanuatu

Her Excellency Ms. Nathanon Thavisin, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Bangkok Metropolitan Administration of Thailand

El Salvador

Mr. Tonis Kölv, Vice-Chairman of the Delegation of Estonia

Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme

Ms. Jan Peterson, President of Grassroots Organizations Operating Together in Sisterhood

3 p.m. 6th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [8]; Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [9]; Declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium [10]: debate:

Democratic Republic of the Congo

His Excellency The Honourable Thengo Maloya, Minister of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Surveys of Malawi

His Excellency Mr. Blaise Ouo Foromo, Minister of Town Planning and Habitat of Guinea

His Excellency Mr. Tsala Messi Andre, Secretary of State of Town Planning and Housing in charge of Land, Registration and Surveys of Cameroon

Mr. Laurent Nkusi, Chairman of the Delegation of Rwanda

Mr. Mohammad Al-Sarawi, Chairman of the Board and Director General, the Environment Public Authority of Kuwait

His Excellency Mr. Abdessalam Ould Mohamed Saleh, Commissioner for Human Rights, Poverty Reduction and Social Integration of Mauritania

Dominican Republic

His Excellency Mr. Don MacKay, Chairman of the Delegation of New Zealand

Mr. Husein Zivag, Chairman of the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Angola

His Excellency Mr. Ousmane Moutari, Chairman of the Delegation of the Niger

His Excellency Monsignor Francis Chullikatt, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of the Holy See

Mr. Ulrich Bohner, Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe of the Council of Europe

Dame Veronica Sutherland, Deputy Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the Commonwealth Secretariat

Mr. Christopher Lamb, Head of the Humanitarian Advocacy Department of the Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Her Excellency Mrs. Ileana Echegoyen, Secretary of Housing of Puerto Rico

His Excellency Mr. Carlyle Corbin, Minister of State for External Affairs of the United States Virgin Islands

Ms. Lithu Musyimi-Ogana, President of the African Centre for Empowerment, Gender and Advocacy

Mr. Kirtee Shah, President of Habitat International Coalition

Mr. Fackson Shamenda, President of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

Ms. Sheila Patel, Society for the Promotion of Area Resources Centres/Asia Women and Shelter Network

Ms. Anna Falu, Women and Shelter Network, Latin American and Caribbean Region

Youth for Habitat, Vice-President

2. Adoption of the final document(s) [11]

3. Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]

4. Closure of the twenty-fifth special session

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Statements for the debate in the plenary

Delegations are kindly requested to submit an electronic version of the text of their official statements to be delivered in the plenary of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly in as many language versions as possible. If the electronic versions are received in advance, it will be possible for the text to appear on the United Nations Web site (http://www.un.org/ga/habitat/) alongside the live Webcast as the delegates are speaking. The electronic version of the text of statements should be sent by e-mail, as an attachment in MS Word or WordPerfect file, to the following address: ***DPI@un.int***. In the event that the electronic version is not available, the printed version is also welcome and can be delivered to room S-1037A, for speedy service.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6 June 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Twenty-fifth special session

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the session by the Temporary President, the Chairman of the delegation of Finland [1]

The Temporary President, H.E. Mr. Kimmo Sasi, Minister of Foreign Trade of Finland, declared open the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II).

Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]

The Temporary President then invited members of the General Assembly to observe one minute of silent prayer or meditation.

Tribute to the memory of the late Kings of the Kingdom of Nepal, His Majesty King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev and His Majesty King Dipendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev

The General Assembly observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of the late Kings of the Kingdom of Nepal, His Majesty King Birendra Bir Bkram Shah Dev and His Majesty King Dipendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/S-25/4)

The Temporary President drew the attention of the General Assembly to a letter from the Secretary-General (A/S-25/4) concerning the arrears of 18 Member States in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]

On the recommendation of the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly, the Assembly decided that the Credentials Committee for the twenty-fifth special session would consist of the same members as those appointed for the fifty-fifth session of the Assembly, namely the Bahamas, China, Ecuador, Gabon, Ireland, Mauritius, the Russian Federation, Thailand and the United States.

The Temporary President called attention to the fact that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the special session, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and urged all members to submit the credentials of representatives to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

Election of the President of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly [4]

On the recommendation of the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly, the General Assembly elected the President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri (Finland), President of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly.

The President made a statement.

Statement by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly (A/S-25/2) [5]

The Chairman of the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Germán García Durán (Colombia), made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the preparatory committee (A/S-25/2).

Organization of the session: draft decision II (A/S-25/2) [6]

The General Assembly adopted draft decision II, entitled "Organizational arrangements for the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly", recommended by the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-fifth special session in paragraph 62 of its report (A/S-25-2).

On the basis of the decision taken by the Assembly, the President informed Members that the Vice-Presidents of the twenty-fifth special session would be the same as those of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly. The General Assembly elected Belarus, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, China, the Comoros, El Salvador, France, Gabon, Guinea, Haiti, Kuwait, Maldives, Mozambique, the Russian Federation, Suriname, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, Uzbekistan and Yemen Vice-Presidents of the twenty-fifth special session.

The President also informed members that the Chairpersons of the Main Committees of the fifty-fifth session would serve in the same capacity at the twenty-fifth special session. The General Assembly elected the following persons as Chairpersons of the Main Committees: First Committee: H.E Mr. U. Mya Than (Myanmar); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee): H.E. Mr. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka (Uganda); Second Committee: Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania); Third Committee: Mrs. Yvonne Gittens-Jo-

seph (Trinidad and Tobago); Fifth Committee: H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala); Sixth Committee: Mr. Mauro Politi (Italy).

The President further informed the Assembly that, for the duration of the twenty-fifth special session, in the absence of the Chairman of the First Committee, its Vice-Chairman, Mr. Abedelkader Mesdoua (Algeria), would be Acting Chairman of that Committee. In the absence of the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), its Vice-Chairman, Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis (Antigua and Barbuda), would be Acting Chairman of that Committee. In the absence of the Chairman of the Sixth Committee, its Vice-Chairman, Mr. Marcelo Vasquez (Ecuador), would be Acting Chairman of that Committee.

In adopting the recommendation of the Commission on Human Settlements, acting as the preparatory committee, the General Assembly established an ad hoc committee of the whole designated as the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-Fifth Special Session.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee, the President informed members that the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole would be a full member of the General Committee of the twenty-fifth special session.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee, the General Assembly elected H.E. Mr. Germán García Durán (Colombia) as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

In adopting the recommendations of the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee, the General Assembly established a thematic committee designated as the Thematic Committee of the Twenty-Fifth Special Session.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly, the President informed members that the Chairman of the Thematic Committee would be a full member of the General Committee of the twenty-fifth special session.

The General Assembly elected Mr. Slaheddine Belaid (Tunisia) as Chairman of the Thematic Committee.

The General Committee of the twenty-fifth special session was thus fully constituted.

On the basis of the decision taken by the General Assembly, the President informed members that observers might make statements in the debate in the plenary.

The President informed the Assembly that organizations and entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly would participate in the twenty-fifth special session as observers.

The President also informed members that States members of the specialized agencies that were not members of the United Nations would participate in the work of the twenty-fifth special session in the capacity as observers.

The President further informed members that the following associate members of the regional commissions would participate in the special session as observers: American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, British Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Niue, Puerto Rico, United States Virgin Islands.

The President also informed members that, subject to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, entities of the United Nations system, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, with specific expertise in the subject matter of the special session, might make statements in the debate in plenary, provided that they were represented at the highest level. The President further informed members that representatives of the United Nations system might also make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole and in the Thematic Committee.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly, the President informed members that representatives of local authorities, non-governmental organizations and other Habitat Agenda partners might make statements in the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole and in the Thematic Committee.

The President also informed members that given the time available, a limited number of representatives of local authorities, non-governmental organizations and other Habitat Agenda partners might make statements in the debate in plenary.

The General Assembly was informed that the President had been requested to submit the list of selected Habitat partners to Member States for approval and to ensure that the selection was made on an equal and transparent basis, taking into account the geographical representation and diversity of Habitat Agenda partners.

Accordingly, on the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided to hear the following 11 selected Habitat Agenda partners: African Centre for Empowerment, Gender and Advocacy; Global Parliamentarians for Habitat; Grassroots Organizations Operating Together in Sisterhood; Habitat International Coalition; Habitat Professional Forum; International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; NGO Committee on Human Settlements; Society for the Promotion of Area Resources Centres/Asia Women and Shelter Network; Women and Shelter Network, Latin American and Caribbean Region; World Association of Cities and Local Authorities Coordination; and Youth for Habitat.

By adopting the recommendation of the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee, the General Assembly decided that the last two speaking slots at each plenary meeting, with the exception of the first and last plenary meetings, would be reserved for participants other than Member States, the Holy See, Switzerland and Palestine, provided that were represented at the highest level.

Accordingly, the General Assembly endorsed the following speakers proposed by the President for those eight reserved speaking spots: the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the President of the World Association of Cities and Local Authorities, the President of the Habitat Professional Forum, the President of the Global Parliamentarians for Habitat, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, the Chairperson of the NGO Committee on Human Settlements, the Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the President of the Grassroots Organizations Operating Together in Sisterhood.

In accordance with the decision adopted by the General Assembly, the President also informed members that there would be six plenary meetings over the three-day period, with two meetings per day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The President reminded members that, on the basis of the decision adopted by the Assembly, the length of statements should be limited to five minutes so that all inscribed on the list of speakers for a given meeting could be heard at that meeting.

Adoption of agenda (A/S-25/1) [7]

The General Assembly decided to consider the provisional agenda of the twenty-fifth special session without referring it to the General Committee.

The Assembly then adopted the agenda as contained in document A/S-25/1 and as contained in draft decision I recommended for adoption by the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee.

On the basis of the decision taken by the Assembly, the President informed members that all items would be considered directly in plenary and that agenda items 8, 9 and 10 had also been allocated to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole for consideration, on the understanding that the debate on the items would take place in plenary meeting.

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [8]; *further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda* [9]; *declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium* [10]: *debate*:

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Gennady Novitsky, Deputy Prime Minister of Belarus; H.E. Mr. Husni Abu-Gheida, Minister of Public Work and Housing of Jordan; H.E. Ms. Josefina Vazquez Mota, Minister of Social Development of Mexico; H.E. Ms. Sankie Mthembi-Mahanyele, Minister of Housing of South Africa; H.E. Mr. Lars-Erik Lövdén, Minister for Housing of Sweden; H.E. Mr. Sadiq Baksh, Minister of Housing and Settlements of Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Mr. Jang-Seop Oh, Minister of Construction and Transportation of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. Christodoulos Christodoulou, Minister of Interior of Cyprus; H.E. Mr. Ismael Hurtado Soucre, Minister of Infrastructure of Venezuela; H.E. Mr. Jacques Adiahenot, Minister of State, Minister of Habitat, Town Planning and Land Registration of Gabon; H.E. Mr. Hovik Abrahamyan, Minister of Territorial Administration of Armenia; H.E. Mr. Kimmo Sasi, Minister of Foreign Trade of Finland; H.E. Mr. Ricardo Gorosito, Vice-Minister of Housing, Environment and Land Management of Uruguay; H.E. Mr. Salvador Gomila, Vice-President, National Housing Institute of Cuba; H.E. Mr. Ali Hamad Al-Shamsi, Under-Secretary, Ministry of Public Works and Housing of the United Arab Emirates; H.E. Mr. Gian Nicola Filippi Balestra, Chairman of the Delegation of San Marino; H.E. Mr. Hiroo Kinoshita, Special Advisor to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Chairman of the Delegation of Japan; H.E. Mr. Gediminas Šerkšnys, Chairman of the Delegation of Lithuania; H.E. Mr. Bernd Niehaus, Chairman of the Delegation of Costa Rica; H.E. Mr. Marc Nteturuye, Chairman of the Delegation of Burundi; H.E. Mr. Angel Edmundo Orellana Mercado, Chairman of the Delegation of Honduras; H.E. Mr. Abdallah Baali, Chairman of the Delegation of Algeria; H.E. Mr. Rashid Alimov, Chairman of the Delegation of Tajikistan; and H.E. Mr. Nasser Al-Kidwa, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of Palestine.

2nd plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 2nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/109 (Part I)).

AH HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

1st meeting

The meeting was opened by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, H.E. Mr. Germán García-Durán (Colombia).

Election of officers

The Ad Hoc Committee elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mr. Seydou Sy Sall (Senegal), Mr. Manfred Konukiewitz (Germany) and H.E. Mr. Andrej Olszowka (Poland) as Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Alireza Esamaeilzadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Ad Hoc Committee approved its organization of work as proposed by the Chairman.

Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the Habitat agenda [8]

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [9]

Declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium [10]

The Ad Hoc Committee began its general discussion on the items.

The representative of Chile (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group) made a statement.

A Habitat Goodwill Ambassador and a representative of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Local Authorities made statements.

Statements were made by the representative of the World Health Organization, the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

The representatives of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission for Human Rights on Adequate Housing, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organization and the World Bank also made statements.

Statements were made by observers of CERFE, the Forum of Researchers on Human Settlements, the David M. Kennedy Centre and the International Council of Women.

THEMATIC COMMITTEE 1st and 2nd meetings

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